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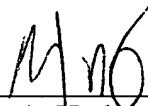
Application No. 09/994,311

this was the only ground of rejection, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request an indication that the application is allowed.

A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$55.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer fee for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) is enclosed. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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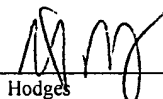


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